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Terry Barnich Award Ceremony

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Ladies and gentlemen it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my distinguished colleague the Honorable Paul Roberti of Rhode Island with this year's Terry Barnich Award.

As we all know, this award recognizes a colleague for their contribution to international regulatory issues as well as the contributions they have made to promoting international regulatory cooperation. Paul epitomizes the qualities needed to promote NARUC's international relations program and has done an outstanding job in this area.

He assisted NARUC in developing new projects and tools for providing assistance to our foreign partners. In 2015, Paul assisted NARUC international staff with two scoping missions: one to Jamaica in February and one to India in September. These trips were conducted at the request of USAID and were designed to identify key challenges for our international partners and draft a scope of work for NARUC's engagement in these countries. Paul's contributions and insights during these crucial trips propelled NARUC's projects forward and allowed NARUC's International Program to craft highly responsive partnerships. Paul also supported the Mexico Electricity Regulatory Partnership "Remote Peer Review" in November on the general terms and conditions regulating the retail electricity supply. This was the first such program and it allowed NARUC to be responsive to a request for assistance from the Mexican regulator in a timely manner and a low cost.

Paul participated in the World Forum on Energy Regulation in Istanbul, Turkey, in May to support NARUC's overall efforts to foster dialogue on regulatory issues with partners across the world. His dedication to public service beyond the borders of the US is exemplary and valuable to the international community of energy regulators.

My friends it is my distinct pleasure to present this year's prestigious Terry Barnich Award to my friend and colleague the Honorable Paul Roberti, Commissioner from the great state of Rhode Island.